



UNITED STATES SUBMITS NEW PLAN FOR SUBMARINE

ALL CHILDREN OF CITY WILL RECEIVE SANTA

Community Party at the Tree Early This Evening.

DONATIONS.

Previously acknowledged	\$117.55
George Bird Brinton	5.00
Prescott Brinton	5.00
St. Agnes Guild	5.00
Family Theater	5.00
Mrs. E. P. Hoss	1.00
John L. Davis	1.00
Re. M. Abbott	1.00
R. S. Kline	1.00
Total	\$141.65

PROGRAM FOR TONIGHT.
7 o'clock—Concert by Dixon Municipal band.
7:15—Community singing.
7:30—Santa Claus.

All is in readiness for the arrival of Santa Claus this evening to entertain the children of Dixon. The clouds opened up last night and let down a plentiful supply of snow to make the Christmas all the more realistic. The people of Dixon and vicinity who delight in making happy the hearts of the little ones, have made it possible to provide the Christmas tree and Santa Claus this evening. A total of \$141.65 has been donated to defray the expense of this celebration.

The Dixon Municipal band will donate their services this evening, turning out and playing several selections at the tree to start the program. Community singing will occupy a fifteen minute space on the program, at the conclusion of which St. Nicholas will make his appearance, arriving on scheduled time. Every kiddie in Dixon is anxiously awaiting the hour of Santa's arrival and an advance shipment of mysterious packages arrived last night, which will be distributed to the children at the tree this evening by Santa himself.

To those who have made the tree and visit from Santa possible, the committee are deeply thankful. No solicitation has been necessary to secure an amount of money which is more than sufficient to provide a happy and fitting Christmas tree for Dixon's youngsters. It is but another example of the willingness and spirit of good fellowship, which has made all things undertaken for good the successes that they have been in the past.

Ice Wrecks' Phone Service in Central Part of the State

By Associated Press Leased Wire
Springfield, Ill., Dec. 24.—Countless telephone poles in central Illinois crashed down by the weight of ice on their wires, today, almost isolated Springfield and the rest of the world in the matter of telephonic communication. The Illinois Bell Telephone Co. announced the only wire operation was that to Chicago.

Between Springfield and St. Louis service was also demoralized. Breaks in the telephone wires this morning were numbered at 25.

Turn Water Into Great Power Plant

Niagara Falls, Ont., Dec. 24.—Water was turned into the Chippewa-Queenston power canal of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission at 4 o'clock this morning. The development of power at the Queenston generating plant will begin next Wednesday. Representatives of the Canadian and American cities will attend the ceremonies that will mark the opening of the Dominion's greatest power plant.

Construction work has been in progress on the power project since 1914.

CO. BANKERS AT OPENING OF NEW AMBOY NATIONAL

Beautiful New Structure is Opened in That City.

The Lee County Bankers association held a very successful meeting and banquet at Amboy Thursday night, the affair being held in the new building of the First National Bank. Considering the weather the meeting was largely attended by bank officials and directors of the various banks in the county—every bank in the county being represented with the exception of two.

The principal speakers were Hon. Samuel Bratt, former State Superintendent of Highways, and a prominent banker of DeKalb, and L. S. Griffith, Farm Director of Lee county. Many matters pertaining to bankers and banking were thoroughly discussed.

The banquet was held in the lobby and corridors of the new bank building. It was served by the wives and relatives of Amboy bankers.

Dixon bankers present at the meeting were: City National Bank, President W. C. Durkes; Cashier, John Davies and Will F. Frye, assistant cashiers.

Dixon National Bank, Cashier A. P. Armstrong; Assistant Cashier, Mahlon Forsyth and Robert Knox.

The affair was given principally as an opening of the new and beautiful bank of that city.

Jewish Festival of Lights Begins with Sunset on Christmas

By Associated Press Leased Wire
New York, Dec. 24.—Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Lights, happens to begin at sunset Christmas night, this year, and Jewish families throughout the world will celebrate with the lighting of candles, feasting and the giving of presents. Each night for a week one candle will be added in the menorah, or seven-branched candelstick, which every Jewish family owns.

The Lights of Hanukkah are symbolic of the curse of sacred oil which was found in the temple after the heathen were driven out by the Maccabees, and which kept burning a miraculous length of time until fresh oil could be procured.

Will Duplicate Play of Foot Ball Game

By Associated Press Leased Wire
Berkeley, Calif., Dec. 24.—As full telegraphic returns are received men in uniform will duplicate plays on California field here Jan. 2 while the University of California is playing Washington & Jefferson College at Pasadena, Calif. The California Alumni Association has charge of the feature.

WEATHER

SATURDAY, DEC. 24, 1921
By Associated Press Leased Wire
Chicago and vicinity—Snow flurries tonight; Sunday generally fair, cold wave; lowest temperature 5 to 15 degrees above zero; fresh northwest winds.

Illinois—Generally fair tonight and Sunday; colder tonight and in east portion Sunday; cold wave tonight.

Wisconsin—Fair tonight and Sunday; colder tonight in east and south portions; cold wave in extreme southeastern portion; not so cold Sunday in west portion.

Iowa—Fair tonight and Sunday; colder in east and central portions tonight; cold wave in southeast portion; not so cold Sunday afternoon in west and north portion.

FORECAST FOR NEXT WEEK.
By Associated Press Leased Wire
Washington, Dec. 24.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday include:

Region of Great Lake, Upper Mississippi and Lower Missouri Valleys—Considerable cloudiness and occasional snows, cold.

DR. CARRIEL PLANS FINE ENTERTAINMENT FOR COLONY PATIENTS

Trees, Programs and Big Dinner Arranged By Supt.

Dr. H. B. Carriell, superintendent of the Dixon state colony, has provided an exceptional Christmas program of entertainment and feasting for the 426 patients at the institution. The festivities start this evening when three huge Christmas trees decorated and illuminated with tiny incandescent bulbs of many colors will be lighted for the patients and attendants. The lack of an assembly hall has made it necessary to provide three trees, to be located in separate buildings.

After the supper hour this evening, presents will be distributed to every inmate of the institution, some small but appreciable remembrance to increase the spirit of Christmas in the hearts of those who are dependent upon the state in their unfortunate condition. The three Christmas trees will be lighted and a short entertainment provided for the patients and attendants.

DEBS WILL BE FREED TONIGHT HOME TOMORROW

Harding's Christmas Present to Twenty-four Prisoners.

By Associated Press Leased Wire
Washington, Dec. 24.—Telegrams were sent out today by Attorney General Daugherty formally advising wardens of the various federal penitentiaries of the Christmas commutation by President Harding of twenty-four persons convicted of war time offenses, including Eugene V. Debs, socialist leader.

The telegrams informed the wardens that the sentences of the 24 persons had been commuted to expire on Christmas day. Department of Justice officials said that while all of the prisoners could be released at midnight tonight, but the hour of release was a matter for the wardens to decide. The wardens, it was said, doubtless will be guided by the wishes of those benefiting from the Presidential clemency.

NO PUBLIC RECEPTION

By Associated Press Leased Wire
Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 24.—Preparations for an elaborate homecoming celebration to be held today in honor of Eugene V. Debs, by local socialists were abandoned when it became known that the commutation granted by President Harding will not become effective until Sunday. The reception had been planned in the hope that the announcement of clemency would mean his immediate release. The committee on arrangements announced that a general celebration would be held soon after the arrival of Mr. Debs.

Pennsy Train Was Derailed This Morn

Chicago, Dec. 24.—The engine, express and mail cars of east bound Pennsylvania train No. 105, Chicago to Pittsburgh were derailed near Buffalo, Ind., early today when the train struck a defective switch. Reports to railroad officials say no one was injured.

Ashton Man Plans Trip to Venezuela

Lee Herwig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Herwig, of Ashton, was in Dixon yesterday and applied at the office of Circuit Clerk E. S. Rosecrans for passports to Venezuela. Mr. Herwig is a graduate of the University of Illinois and has accepted a position as civil engineer with the Sun Oil Co. of Philadelphia, whose interests he will represent in the South American country. He expects to sail from New York on Jan. 14, after a several days visit with his parents in Ashton.

WILL BE HAPPY HOME TOMORROW



Probably no home in America will be happier tomorrow than that shown above, the residence of Eugene V. Debs, at Terre Haute, Ind., whose sentence to Atlanta federal prison was yesterday commuted by President Harding. The prominent Socialist will leave the penitentiary today in time to reach home tomorrow. Insert is picture of Mrs. Debs.

OHIO RIVER TOWNS PREPARE FOR FLOOD ON CHRISTMAS DAY

By Associated Press Leased Wire
Columbus, O., Dec. 24.—Because of unusually heavy rains yesterday and last night in southern Ohio, the United States weather bureau here today issued flood warnings for the lower Scioto river and announced that flood warnings may be issued later today for the lower Muskingum River.

By Associated Press Leased Wire
Gallipolis, O., Dec. 24.—The Ohio river towns of Point Pleasant, Middle Port and Pomeroy today were preparing for a Christmas flood of the Ohio River, following a rainfall during the last 24 hours of three and one-half inches. Government gauges in the Ohio river at this point registered 35 feet this morning, just one foot under flood stage, and rivermen predicted the river probably would reach a stage of 50 to 55 feet by tomorrow.

RIVER NEAR FLOOD STAGE

By Associated Press Leased Wire
Cincinnati, O., Dec. 24.—Cincinnati faced a flood menace today as a result of a three days downpour of rain that was brought to this district by the storm which swept up from the southwest.

The Ohio river is rising at an unprecedented rate. At 7 a. m. today the gauges at Cincinnati registered 45 feet, a rise of 18 feet in 24 hours. The flood stage—fifty feet—will be reached in a few hours. Weather Forecaster Deveraux stated.

Mill Creek, the Big and Little Miami and Licking Rivers were all beyond their banks today and pouring out great volumes of water into the Ohio. The quick rise of the larger streams was attributed to the flooding of these tributaries by Forecaster Deveraux.

Residents Routed

The overflowing of Mill Creek routed residents of South Cincinnati at St. Bernard, near this city, the homes being deserted during the early hours of today. The police and firemen cooperated in rescuing household belongings from the swirling waters.

The Big Miami was rushing out in torrents and fear was expressed for some of the bridges that span this stream.

The Pennsylvania railroad was forced, early in the day, to detour its trains over the Cincinnati, Lebanon & Northern railroad at Middletown Junction, Ohio, because the high water covered the tracks at Lebanon, Ohio. Because of the quick rise in the water and lack of preparation for a flood the loss at the summer camps that line the various streams, will be great.

OVER SCORE KILLED IN WIND STORM OVER SOUTH DURING MORN

Many Injured According to Incomplete Reports Today.

BULLETIN.
By Associated Press Leased Wire
Monroe, La., Dec. 24.—Fourteen persons are reported killed and a number injured in a tornado that swept through More-House and Union Parishes early today. Spencer, a village on the Monroe and Little Rock railroad, 16 miles from here, was reported wiped out, seven persons being killed and 25 injured.

A special train carrying doctors and nurses was dispatched to the scene.

BULLETIN.
Monroe, La., Dec. 24.—Spencer, a village on the Monroe & Little Rock railroad, sixteen miles from Monroe in Union Parish, was wiped out by storm today, seven persons being killed and 25 injured, according to reports received here. A special train carrying doctors and nurses left Monroe for the scene this afternoon.

By Associated Press Leased Wire
Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 24.—Nine persons—one white man and eight negroes—killed, more than a score injured and property damage roughly estimated at \$200,000 today was the known result of a wind storm which late yesterday swept through half a dozen farming settlements in Crittendon county, Arkansas, across the Mississippi river from this city, and apparently spent its force in the village of Clarkdale, where a brick store building, in which approximately fifty negro farm hands had taken refuge from the storm, was wrecked.

Only meagre reports have been received thus far, however, from several farming settlements in the path of the storm, the effects of which was felt over an area of two miles in width and 15 miles in length.

THREE NEGROES KILLED

By Associated Press Leased Wire
Greenwood, Miss., Dec. 24.—Three negroes are reported to have been killed and nearly a score injured in a tornado which demolished a number of buildings on the Dawson & Sutton plantation, 6 miles southeast of this city early today.

DEATHS IN LOUISIANA

By Associated Press Leased Wire
Monroe, La., Dec. 24.—One white man and six negroes were reported killed and several persons injured in a storm which swept More-House parish near here today.

FIVE DEAD IN MISS.

By Associated Press Leased Wire
Marks, Miss., Dec. 24.—Wm. V. Turner, plantation owner, and four negro farm hands were killed in a tornado which wrecked buildings on several plantations in the vicinity of Marks early today.

Funeral Sunday of Mrs. Emma Moore

The funeral services of the Mrs. Emma Moore, one of the oldest residents of this vicinity, will be held on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Preston chapel. Rev. John A. Simpson, pastor of the Baptist church, will officiate. Interment in Oakwood cemetery.

FINE SPEAKERS ARE SECURED TO GIVE ADDRESSES

Strong Program Has Been Planned for Institute.

The speaker of the afternoon and evening of Jan. 4 of the Lee County Farmers' Institute to be held here, is A. C. Everingham of Hutsonville, Ill. Mr. Everingham is president of the Crawford County Farm Bureau and a member of the Grain Marketing Committee of the I. A. A. He was a delegate to the National Conference that ratified the grain marketing plan of the Committee of 17.

During the last two years he has been engaged in Chautauqua work. His total audience for the summer of 75 days with the Community Chautauqua was over 30,000 people. Since that time he has addressed at Farm Picnics about 20,000 people.

His most popular speech is "The National Cornerstone" which deals with general economic conditions as applied to Agricultural Problems and is of interest not only to the farmer but to the city dweller as well, in fact to everyone who eats food.

"The National Cornerstone" will be his subject at the evening meeting of the Institute, Jan. 4.

Dr. Bauer's address at Dixon during the forenoon of Jan. 5, 1922 will be "Lessons from the Illinois System of Permanent Fertility."

A letter from H. E. Young, Secretary of the Illinois Farmers' Institute carries very favorable comment on the work of Dr. Bauer in soil studies. His work at the University is largely along the lines carried on by the late Dr. C. G. Hopkins and really is a continuation of his work. At the annual meeting at Danville, last spring he delivered a masterful address which received most favorable comment from all who heard him.

Amboy Commercial Club Held Meeting

(Special to the Telegraph)
Amboy, Dec. 24.—The Commercial of this city held its last meeting for the year 1921 in the club rooms last evening. A large number of representative men of Amboy were present. The address of the evening was delivered by Representative John H. Byers of Dixon, his subject being "Community Welfare." Mr. Byers discussed the community problems in a splendid manner discussing at some length the various angles entering into the building and uplifting of the community. His address was highly enjoyed and highly appreciated by the members of the club.

County Judge John B. Crabtree of Dixon was present and also addressed the club briefly. Mahlon Kent of Marion township was also present.

Attorney William L. Leach is president of the club.

Franklin Woman is Badly Hurt Today

(Special to the Telegraph.)
Franklin Grove, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Nathan Whitney while walking from her home this morning fell on the icy sidewalk, breaking an arm and striking her head on the sidewalk, rendering her unconscious, from which state she had not rallied at 2 o'clock. Her daughter, Miss Ruth Whitney, technician for Dr. A. F. Moore, at Dixon, was sent for. Miss Whitney arrived at the bedside of her mother at noon. Mrs. Whitney is a member of one of the oldest families of this place.

Supervisors Hurt in Fall Last Eve

Supervisor John M. Sterling suffered a severe fall on the icy sidewalk near his home last evening and as a result, will be laid up for a few days. Fortunately, he fell in such a manner as to escape any broken bones, but was painfully bruised about the hips and was only able to be about the house a short time today.

WOULD GIVE U. S. AND BRITAIN LESS TONNAGE

Japan, France and Italy Would Maintain Status.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—An American program for limitation of submarine tonnage was presented today to the naval armament committee of the five powers of the Washington conference.

The American program proposes a submarine tonnage of 60,000 for each Great Britain and the United States and the existing tonnage for Japan, France and Italy.

The American proposal would cut the existing submarine tonnage of the United States and Great Britain about one-third each and leave the other three powers in their present position, that is: France, approximately 42,000 tons; Japan, 32,000 tons and Italy about 22,000 tons.

The British proposal for the total abolishment of submarines was said to have been placed on file without definite action, the committee turning to the discussion of the American limitation plan. It will meet again at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—Conference delegates hoped to conclude at today's session of the full naval committee their discussion of the British proposals on abolition of the submarine, and with a decision on that issue, to clear the way for consideration of the question of auxiliary tonnage allotment for France under the limitation plan.

While the French delegates were known today to have received additional instructions from Paris on that subject, they apparently have taken the position that the abolition proposal should be carried to a decision before they present for committee action detailed figures on the submarine and other auxiliary tonnage desired by France. This view point appears to have approved by the other powers.

France's Position.
In the long three-cornered debate in which the submarine discussion was carried forward in the naval committee yesterday, however, Admiral De Bon of France, already has strongly intimated the position of his country on the question of auxiliary tonnage in declaring "that 90,000 tons is the minimum for all the navies who may want to have a submarine force." He expressed the opinion that the conference could not "reasonably" limit submarine construction at all.

Britain Wants None.
For the British group yesterday's debate was carried on by Arthur J. Balfour, head of the delegation, who reiterated and extended arguments already advanced by Lord Lee for abolition of submarines, while Senator Schanz of Italy, the only other participant, further stated the opposition of his country to such action at this time and said the Italian delegation thought the question should be examined subsequently in a broader conference.

The unfinished business of the conference shared the attention of delegates today with the new prominence given the four power treaty discussions by President Harding's public statement late yesterday characterizing the differences over interpretation of the act as "unimportant," declaring he would "offer no comment on the disputes which attempt to magnify the differing constructions" of the treaty. Mr. Harding asked that the lesser questions of difference be not permitted to obscure the central purpose of the agreement to preserve peace.

EXCHANGES CLOSED

By Associated Press Leased Wire
New York, Dec. 24.—The sugar, cotton and produce exchanges are closed today.

Today's Market Report

(By Associated Press Leased Wire.)

Weekly Grain Review

By Associated Press Leased Wire

Chicago, Dec. 24.—With \$20,000,000 in sight to purchase American foodstuffs for Russia all grain and provisions this week have increased in value. Compared with a week ago, wheat this morning was up 1 1/2¢ to 5 1/2¢ a bushel, corn gained 1 1/2¢ to 2 1/2¢, oats 1/2¢ to 1 1/2¢ and pork, lard and ribs 15 to 32¢.

Both before and after the actual signing of the Russian relief bill, the wheat market gave evidence of being bullishly affected by the measure. Confidence in immediate government purchasing was manifest, and prices made a ready response to increased buying, which however, was partly based on cold weather and on fears that lack of snow protection in the southwest might result in crop damage.

Heavy profit taking sales on the ensuing advance led to a reaction, but for the most part the setbacks were transient, at least the strength of prices at Winnipeg acted as a stimulus here, and so too did better milling demand together with a sharp falling off in receipts southwest and northwest alike. Ordinary export business however, failed to justify hopes of a revival.

Corn and oats rose with wheat, notwithstanding that wheat was construed as bearish in regard to corn.

Provisions were influenced by the upturn in grain and hogs, although somewhat held in check by packers' selling.

Chicago Produce

By Associated Press Leased Wire

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Butter: unsalted, creamery extras 42 1/2¢; firsts 35 1/2¢; seconds 30 1/2¢; standards 37. Eggs: unsalted, receipts 49 1/2¢; cases, firsts 49, ordinary firsts 47 1/2¢; miscellaneous 47 1/2¢; refrigerator firsts 38 1/2¢.

Poultry: a live unchanged. Potatoes: receipts 22 cars; total U. S. shipments 275 cars; market firm; sacked northern whites 1.50@2.00; Minnesota Red Rivers sacked 1.85.

Wall Street Close

By Associated Press Leased Wire

American Beet Sugar 27 1/2¢
American Can 33 1/2¢
American Car & Foundry 14 1/2¢
American Locomotive 10 1/2¢
American Smelting & Refg. 45
American Sumatra Tobacco 31 1/2¢
American T & T 113 1/2¢
Anaconda Copper 49 1/2¢
Aetna 92 1/2¢
Baldwin Locomotive 46 1/2¢
Baltimore & Ohio 85
Bethlehem Steel 56 1/2¢
Central Leather 30 1/2¢
Chesapeake & Ohio 55 1/2¢
Chicago, Ill. & St. Paul 18 1/2¢
Corn Products 96 1/2¢
Cruible Steel 65 1/2¢
General Electric 104 1/2¢
General Motors Ore Cts 74 1/2¢
Grand Central 32
Int. Mer. Marine 64 1/2¢
International Paper 52 1/2¢
Kennebec Copper 26 1/2¢
Mexican Petroleum 114 1/2¢
New York Central 73 1/2¢
Norfolk & Western 96 1/2¢
Northern Pacific 78 1/2¢
Pure Oil 37 1/2¢
Pennsylvania 33 1/2¢
Reading 72 1/2¢
Rep. Iron & Steel 51
Sinclair Oil 32
Southern Pacific 79
Southern Railway 18 1/2¢
Studebaker Corporation 78 1/2¢
Texas Co. 45 1/2¢
Tobacco Products 63 1/2¢
Union Pacific 125
United States Rubber 34
United States Steel 83 1/2¢
Utah Copper 63 1/2¢
Westinghouse Electric 50 1/2¢
Wills-Overland 53
Rock Island 32
I. C. 37 1/2¢
Peoples Gas 61 1/2¢
Standard Oil 114

Chicago Livestock

By Associated Press Leased Wire

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Cattle: receipts 200; compared with week ago: beef steers mostly 25 to 50¢ lower; plain to medium grades showing full decline; she stock generally 25 to 50¢ lower; veal calves 1.00 to 1.50 off; stockers and feeders 25 to 40¢ lower; bulls 50¢ lower.

Hogs: receipts 1,000; yesterday's averages with lights up most; ship- pers bought about 7500; good clear- ances; top 7.50 for 160 pound average; 7.50 for 150 to 190 average; bulk 7.00 @7.40; pigs 10 to 15¢ higher.

Sheep: receipts 4500; practically all packers direct and all on shipment account. Compared with week ago fat lambs and yearlings about 1.00 high- er; fat sheep and feeder lambs steady to 25¢ higher.

Chicago Cash Grain

By Associated Press Leased Wire

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Wheat: no sales reported.
Corn: No. 2 mixed 50 1/2¢@50 3/4¢; No. 3 mixed 48 1/2¢@49; No. 1 yellow 51; No. 2 yellow 50 1/2¢@50 3/4¢; No. 3 yellow 48 1/2¢@49; No. 2 white 50 1/2¢; No. 3 white 48 1/2¢@49.
Oats: No. 2 white 37 1/2¢@38 1/2¢; No. 3 white 35 1/2¢@36; No. 4 white 34 1/2¢.
Rye: No. 2, 90
Barley 53 1/2¢
Timothy seed 5.00@6.10
Clover seed 12.50@18.50
Pork: nominal
Lard: 8.72
Hubs 7.50@8.50

Clearing House Report

By Associated Press Leased Wire

New York, Dec. 24.—The actual condition of the clearing house banks and trust companies for the week shows that they hold \$28,383,690 re- serve in excess of legal requirement.

This is a decrease of \$8,655,710 from last week.

Chicago Grain Table

By Associated Press Leased Wire

WHEAT—	1.17	1.17 1/2	1.16 1/2	1.17 1/2
July	1.04 1/2	1.05 1/2	1.04 1/2	1.05 1/2
CORN—				
May	55 1/2	56 1/2	55 1/2	56 1/2
July	56 1/2	57 1/2	56 1/2	57 1/2
OATS—				
May	38 1/2	39 1/2	38 1/2	39 1/2
July	39 1/2	40	39 1/2	40
PORK—				
Jan.			14.85	
May			15.05	
LARD—				
Jan.			8.72	
May	9.15	9.17	9.15	9.15
RISES—				
Jan.	8.00	8.05	8.00	8.05
May	8.15	8.25	8.15	8.25

Liberty Bond Close

By Associated Press Leased Wire

New York, Dec. 24.—Liberty bonds closed:
3 1/2% 94.30
First 4s 96.10B
Second 4s 95.60B
First 4 1/2% 96.52
Second 4 1/2% 95.50
Third 4 1/2% 97.40
Fourth 4 1/2% 96.38
First Victory 2 1/2% 100.04
Victory 4 1/2% 10.04

East St. Louis Horses

By Associated Press Leased Wire

East St. Louis, Ill.—Horses: good to choice draft \$50@250; eastern chucks \$25@30; choice southern horses \$50@75.
Mules: 15 to 17 hands \$150@200; 15 1/2@16 hands \$115@180; 14 to 15 hands \$30@370.

Local Markets

PRODUCE

Butter 40
Eggs 55

GRAIN

Oats 27
Corn 35

DECEMBER MILK PRICE

The price for milk delivered at the Borden milk factory during Decem- ber will be \$2 per cwt with the usual addition or reduction for milk testing over or under 4 per cent butter fat.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Minnie Bell Rebekah Lodge will give a Christmas party to all Rebe- kah and Odd Fellow children Saturday afternoon, Dec. 24 at 1 O. O. F. hall. The children are especially urged to be present. Parents are also invited. 30212 Committee.

CHURCH NOTES.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN.

One of the popular and beautiful services of the year is the early Christmas service at 6 o'clock Christ- mas morning held at St. Paul's Lu- theran church. With friend and stranger the memories of peace and good will linger through the year from the inspiration of this service. The young people's choir and the regular choir are asked to be at the church five minutes before six o'clock. Each one is to bring a candle stick and a candle if possible; those who do not bring them, an attempt will be made to supply.

BARBER SHOPS TO CLOSE

All barber shops of Dixon will be closed Monday to celebrate the Christmas. The shops of the city close this evening until Tuesday evening.

CLOSING OUT SALE

Of horses, cattle, hogs and farm machinery at my residence about 2 miles northwest of Grand Detour, Thursday, December 29th, at 1.00 p. m.

ROY SELF

Original Allegretti Chocolates and Bon Bons at Campbell's White Cross Drug Store. 29716

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

FOR RENT—Furnished room; mod- ern; 1 block west Interurban station. 524 West First St. Tel. X567. 3021f

FOR SALE—350 good hedge posts. John S. Parks, Ambry, Ill. R. 2. Tel. 1 long 3 shorts on 350. 30213

FOR SALE—Registered Holstein bull. His dam weighs 60 lb. cow. Big heavy-boned, Barred Rock Cock- erels. W. H. Maxwell, Dixon, Ill. R. 1. Tel. 9111. 30215

WANTED—Ladies learn hairdres- sing, marceling, beauty culture and earn big wages in few weeks. Demand for hairdressers steady. Write Moler College, 105 S. Wells, Chicago. 30216

FOR SALE—Schneider's Red Salve. Special for healing open leg wounds, running sores of all kinds. Also poi- sonous wounds. Information free by The Schneider Salve Co., Kewanee, Ill. 30217

FOR SALE—Household goods. Mov- ing into smaller house, must sell at once, the following articles at a bar- gain: 2 full sized beds complete, one new; combination bookcase and sec- retary; new china closet; arm rocker; fire screen; three 3x12 rugs; Wilton velvet; tap, brussels, and axminster. Will accept any reasonable offer. Tel. 1223. 524 N. Ottawa Ave. 30218

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"IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE"

Last evening the Sunday school of the West Side Congregational church held Christmas exercises. There was a tree and the children engaged in a new form of Christmas remembrance. In the words of the Master, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," and at this time the children of the Congregational Sunday school were given their first lesson. Instead of receiving gifts last evening they gave to others. Gifts of food, toys, bedding, etc., were taken to the church, from which place they will be distributed to those who would not otherwise have a merry Christmas.

Rev. G. H. Putnam, pastor of the church, does a great work all the year, in giving to those who are not well supplied with the goods of this world, and at this time all the children of the church joined in veritable carnival of giving. It was worth while to see the children and young people and grown up folks, too, with their faces aglow with the blessed spirit of Christmas and good will toward men, giving, giving to those who not. It was a new experience and one that will do untold good in many ways. One little girl said, "I feel better than I had just been given three dolls." Now three dolls to a girl of seven years means a great deal. One may draw their own inference as to the great amount of good this "giving Christmas program" has done, both to the giver and the given.

CHRISTMAS AT HUTTON HOME

Miss Agnes Hutton, who is employ- ed in Rock Island, will be home to spend her Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hut- ton.

TO SPEND HOLIDAYS IN NORMAL

J. Paul Jones, time keeper for the Illinois Central bridge construction company, left yesterday for his home in Normal, Ill., to spend the holidays.

AT THOMAS FORD HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ford will en- tertain at Christmas dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Origenes and son, Donald, of this city, and Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Coster of Rock Island.

TO BE GUEST AT DR. MOORE HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Forsyth and daughter, Frances, will dine on Christ- mas day with Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Moore at the Martin apartments.

DINNER AT LIEVAN HOME

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lievan will en- tertain Charles E. Keyes and family. Mr. and Mrs. Harold McCleary, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray McCleary at Christ- mas dinner.

DINNER AT ANDERSON HOME

Mrs. O. B. Anderson will entertain at a family dinner Christmas day her children and families, and her son, George Anderson and wife, of Clin- ton, Iowa.

TO ENTERTAIN AT CHRISTMAS DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Keyes will en- tertain guests at a Christmas dinner Sunday.

HAD CHRISTMAS TREE FOR YOUNGSTERS

In many of the rooms this year the teachers in the schools have had trees and a Christmas program for their scholars. Yesterday Miss Marion Dix- on who teaches the third grade in

North Dixon school, had a tree for her pupils. The tree was handsomely trimmed and the kiddies had a won- derful time. Each child received candy and pop corn and all were hap- py.

TO BE GUESTS AT GUY MILLER HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Miller and daugh- ter will be dinner guests Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Miller.

K. K. K. Staged Big Parade; Promised Police Real Help

By Associated Press Leased Wire

Tempe, Tex., Dec. 24.—Two hun- dred and fifty white robed Ku Klux Klansmen staged a parade here last night, led by an automobile carrying a fiery cross and escorted by two po- lice men. No banners were carried. Chief of Police Fisher had previous- ly been notified the parade would be held and he was invited to supply the two policemen to head the line of march.

"We dedicate our order to coopera- tion with you in the enforcement of the law," the letter to the police chief said.

It further asserted that already hundreds of eyes are daily assisting officers in the performance of their duty and promised that members of the organization would be responsi- ble for all law violations coming to their notice.

The letter was signed "Knobe Kreek Klan, Number 64, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan."

Arrest Four Men in Iuka Bank Robbery

By Associated Press Leased Wire

Salem, Ill., Dec. 24.—Warrants charging four men who are held here with complicity in the robbery of the State Bank of Iuka at Iuka on Tues- day were issued yesterday. Between \$15,000 and \$20,000 in cash and bonds were obtained in the robbery.

Names of the men are withheld pending arrest of a fifth. One of the quartet is said to have confessed, im- plicating the others. Miss Mildred Kelly, bookkeeper at the bank, who led the pursuit of the bandits and who assisted posse men in the search near Flora, identified two of the four it was said.

Local Briefs

—You do not realize the comfort to be derived from Heals, absolutely the best foot powder on the market.

Ben T. Shaw of Champaign Ill., returned to Chicago today after a brief visit with his mother, Mrs. M. S. Shaw, and brothers, in Dixon.

—Hello gives great comfort to ach- ing, tired feet. A trial box, price 25c, will convince you of its merits.

—We do all kinds of Job Work— letter heads, bill heads or anything in the printing line.

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BASKET SOCIAL

Ladies' Mooseheart Legion will hold basket social at Moose Hall, on Tuesday, Dec. 27, to which the public are invited. All bring baskets and have a good time. Dancing all even- ing. 30219

CLOSING OUT SALE

Of horses, cattle, hogs and farm machinery at my residence about 2 miles northwest of Grand Detour, Thursday, December 29th, at 1.00 p. m. 30212

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We do all kinds of job printing. Let- ter heads, bill heads, note heads and sale bills.

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LIVE NEWS FROM DEMENTTOWN

Always Fresh and Wholesome "A LIVE TOWN OF OUR OWN"

Christmas is with us once again.

The question is, will we all be here when another Christmas comes. The years come and go. After we reach manhood the years move much too rapidly. Don't you remember when we were little tots, how slowly the years rolled around—a long time, indeed, from one Christmas to an- other. But how changed now since we have reached that age where we have more of life's responsibilities.

This year let us all do something to make someone happy. Just a tiny gift will do that—a Christmas card. Send one to a friend. It will recall tender recollections. There is no time of the year when we should be thankful that we live, like the Christmas time. The story of Christ- mas is interesting, wholesome—filled with love for the children, for the home—the country. Those who are so unfortunate as to have no child- ren, really have missed much of the true Christmas cheer. Children are the life of the world.

The editor of the "Doings" wishes everyone on the avenue a Merry Christmas. You have all been kind to the editor. You are a very large part of the success of the "Doings." What you know, and do, and tell, goes to make up the "Doings" read and enjoyed by so many people. Our purpose is not to injure one soul, to say, or write one word that will cause sorrow or make trouble. Take it, please, for what it's worth, and re- member always that no matter what is written is done in a friendly spirit—but, kindly remember also, that it all goes to make the "Doings" inter- esting.

There are plenty of people worse off than we are, so let us be happy and enter into the Christmas spirit, thankful that we are what we are.

It gives us great pleasure to publish to the public just what our avenue friends most desire from Santa.

Their wants follow:
Penrose wants a jack knife,
Freddie wants a pie,
Crabtree wants a fishing line,
McKinney wants 'em high.

Holaway wants another boost,
Trautman wants suspenders red,
And Stephan wants a trundle bed.
Butcher's wish is a bonus rare,
Leland says he doesn't care.

But Helen wants a handsome chap,
And Elizabeth doesn't care a rap.
Casey wants an easy life,
And Pinky wants a cunning wife.

Seagren asks for ginger ale,
While Francis wants a dashing male.
Slocum knows what he'll receive,
And B. Jones has something up his sleeve.

Gladys wants cemented love,
And David Law, a turtle dove,
Elmer Jones wants the fish to bite,
And Huggins wants to attend the fight.

Can't dispose of Hetler's wish,
Unless Allen gives him a lather dish,
And there's little Bud, with his S. S. class,
Please bring Bessie a looking glass.

Ralph Clark hasn't expressed his wish.

We're always up against a thing like this.

But we know Santa will visit all. And many kiddies will receive a call. He'll do all and what he can. Yes, he will, this dear old Santa man. That I. C. bunch is a selfish set. Never satisfied with what they get. P. J. wants something superfine. McCoy wants affection all the time. Jimmie wants a hearty smile. While Phil Reiley asks for some- thing worth while.

Phalen, bless his young soul. Whether he kicks, makes the goal. What we want? We want from you. Just a smile as we pass through. All trains running late this morn- ing.

Each of the passenger depots are filled with people going somewhere to spend Christmas. There is the Christmas spirit everywhere.

John Connors was on the avenue early this morning, going to Chicago to spend the big day with relatives and friends.

Eph Hess and family were with us early, boarding a train for Chicago where they eat turkey tomorrow.

Dr. S. W. Lehman went to Chicago this morning.

Dan McKinney will spend Christ- mas in Sterling with friends.

Coroner Whetstone visited friends on the avenue Friday afternoon. The judge is looking hale and hearty.

Jimmie McMahon is here from Clinton, Ia., to spend Christmas with his father on Highland avenue.

It required considerable pulling and pushing for the city cars to make the avenue grade. But they finally reached the terminal. Ice calls the cause.

Miss Helen Gorham will eat Christ- mas dinner with Mrs. Mary Mehr on Fourth street.

H. E. Smith is here from the De- Paul University, Chicago, where he is a senior in the law department. He is visiting his parents.

Oscar Sadler of Nelson will spend Christmas at the home of Mrs. E. L. Williams.

Joe and John Valle stopped with us a few minutes to wait for a down town car. The boys are very happy over the Christmas time. Both looked mighty prosperous.

Avery Mangos and Henry Morey were seen going up the avenue early this morning, carrying a halter. No- think they were on their way to get a few rabbits. If they get close enough they intend to halter the bun- ny, thus saving him from being shot to pieces.

Charles Leake of the Public Supply Co. received three fine Belgian hares yesterday from Round Lake, Ill. They are certainly three fine pets. Bud Preston has the job of feeding the hares with oats and barley. Bud says that will make 'em fat.

George Patterson of Nachusa town- ship was compelled to come to the avenue for a load of coal. There are some who are unable to buy a load of coal. Pity such as those.

Art Huggins, who is attending the Palmer school at Davenport, Ia., is

here to spend Christmas with his par- ents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Huggins.

Pet Crosby was with us again this morning. "This kind of weather finds me just like the gopher, only come out when I want something to eat."

Miss Esther Segner, dietitian at the hospital, will be the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Rush, Sunday—Christmas day.

L. L. Yohn, of the Universal Oats Co., left this morning for Cambridge, Ill., to spend Christmas with relatives and friends.

And W. E. Benjamin will go to LaSalle to be the guest of a very dear friend. He is also of the Universal Oats Co.

One of our avenue young ladies is wearing a beautiful diamond ring. It is believed that the giver of this

handsome ring drives an 8-cylinder car about town—a happy, good-nat- ured young fellow. Can you guess the name of this young woman?

Mrs. Mary Hurd of Morrison will come here to spend Christmas with the D. D. Slocum family. Mr. Slo- cum is also with the Oats Co.

Mrs. E. C. Curtin of Ottawa, Ill., will be a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McIntyre, on Christ- mas day.

If George Hawley would turn the water off what would happen to E. N. Howell's ad?

(The answer will be given next week.)

SNUFF TO CURE COLDS.

Society

Every Day in the Week.
Sale of Anti-tuberculosis seals—
Mrs. Jos. McElroy, 516 N. Galena
Ave. and at the Dixon Public Library.
Monday.
Elks Infanta dancing party—Ros-
brook hall.
Minnie Beale Rebekah Lodge—I. O.
O. F. Hall.
Tuesday.
Women's Relief Corps—G. A. R.
Hall.
Dixon Delphian Chapter—Preston
Chapel 7:30.
Friday, Dec. 30th.
Dorothy Chapter O. E. S.—Public
Installation officers, Masonic Hall.

ADDITIONAL SOCIETY ON PAGE 2.

CHRISTMAS!
Low in the east, against a white cold
dawn,
The black-lined silhouette of woods
was drawn,
And on the wintry waste
Of frosted streams and hillsides bare
and brown,
Through thin cloud-films a pallid
ghost looked down,
The waning moon half-faced!

In that pale sky and sere, snow-
-waiting earth,
What sign was there of the immortal
birth.
What herald of this one?
Lo! swift as thought the heavenly
radiance came,
A rose-red splendor swept the sky like
flame,
Up rolled the round, bright sun!

And all was changed. From a trans-
-figured world
The moon's ghost fled, the smoke of
home-hearths curled,
Up the still air unblown,
In Orient warmth and brightness, did
that morn
-er Nain and Nazareth when Christ
was born,
Break fairer than our own?

The morning's promise noon and eve
fulfilled
In warm, soft sky and landscape
hazy-hilled
And sunset fair as they;
A sweet reminder of His holiest time,
A summer miracle in our winter
clime,
God gave a perfect day.

The near was blended with the old and
far,
And Bethlehem's hillside and the
Magi's star
Seemed here as there and then—
Our homestead pine tree was the
-Syrian palm,
Our heart's desire the angel's mid-
-night psalm,
Peace, and good will to men!
—John Greenleaf Whittier.

**GENTLEMEN'S NIGHT ENJOY-
-ABLE AFFAIR—**
The various individuals and com-
-mittees who were responsible for the
program of the Polo Woman's club
last Tuesday evening, Dec. 13, at the
Presbyterian church are to be con-
-gratulated upon the success of the
clubs "Gentlemen's Night." From re-
-ports of the members and guests the
entire evening was thoroughly enjoy-
-ed.

Although the Burns' orchestra was
unable to furnish the music, certainly
those present were not disappointed
with the musical numbers. Miss
Pauline Myers, whose ability is well
known to Polo audiences, opened the
program by playing a piano solo, "The
Faun" by Chaminade, which was fol-
-lowed by a number by our popular quar-
-tette, composed of Mesdames C. H.
Joiner and Willis Fahrney, Messrs. E.
R. Antrim and H. K. Bauerfeind,
who sang, by request, that old favor-
-ite, "Come Where the Lilies Bloom."
Miss Ina Reed presided at the piano.
The lecture of the evening by Hon.
John H. Byers, of Dixon, on "Women
in Politics," proved to be entertaining
as well as instructive. It was a chal-
-lenge and warning to the women who
desire to learn the science of govern-
-ment, and also a challenge to the men
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-ment was played by Miss Reed.
Following the program the company
was invited to the church parlors
where the social committee served re-
-freshments.

**ELATED OVER SUCCESS OF PRO-
-GRAM AT STOTT SCHOOL—**
The members of the Parent-Teacher
association of the Stott school of
which Miss Agnes Garland is teacher,
are very much elated over the success
of their program and lunch Tuesday
evening.

The Dark Town Minstrels who en-
-tertained the very large crowd for
more than an hour were well received.

James Morrissey of Walton was
awarded a five-pound box of delicious
home-made candy.

Wyandotte rooster who had a part
in the minstrel, was also awarded to
James Morrissey, and he presented it
to the school. M. J. Fielding, the auc-
-tioneer, immediately auctioned it to
highest bidder. Albert Osterander,
popular elevator man of Harmon,
paid a fancy price for "Melinda's
canary."

Miss Bessie Blackburn was awarded
the prettiest dressed doll.

Miss Henrietta McDermott was giv-
-ing a two-pound box of candy as the
most popular young lady present.

A very wholesome as well as a
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the ladies which all enjoyed very much.

The proceeds of the evening were
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THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Great is the change that has come over the world since last Christmas.

War hatreds are evaporating.

Nations are disarming.

The spirit of brotherly love—the real spirit of Christmas—again is subduing the emotions of men.

The pendulum is swinging back, and the angels again are singing, "Peace on earth—good will to men."

There is more to Christmas than Santa Claus, sputtering roasted turkeys, holly, mistletoe, chimes and gift laden Christmas trees.

The real Christmas is more than a day, a season or a holiday, or even a spirit of unselfish, charitable heart.

Christmas is the anniversary of the spiritual civilization.

The greatest event in human history occurred 1221 years ago tomorrow.

The birth of Christ—December 25, in the year 1—brought mankind the code which, lived up to, will extend the Merry Christmas spirit until it includes all days of the calendar.

MORE INVESTIGATION

Attorney General Daugherty is about to give us an investigation of various lines of retail merchandising, so the news dispatches tell us, but we wonder where he expects to get with it, or whether he expects to get with it.

In all of the developments that have occurred in business during the past few years the retail merchant has been more or less the "goat." In the first place, because of the fact that it is the retail man who alone deals directly with the public and comes in actual contact with the consumer, he had to bear the brunt of the objection to the rise in prices and, more recently, the demand for lower prices.

Now, most of this has probably been accepted by the merchant in the philosophical attitude of the man who expects a certain amount of grief and misunderstanding in any line of endeavor, but there must come a time when he will say "enough is enough." No doubt there are isolated cases of the profiteering merchant. That is to be expected, but cannot be charged up against the entire business of merchandising. No one who really reasons can deny that the merchants of the nation, and Dixon is no exception have taken enormous losses in the last 12 or 14 months. Not that they are crying about it, nor that they are not taking their medicine cheerfully. They expected it, knowing that it had to come. But can you blame a merchant or feeling, in the light of many things, that his contributions to the return of normalcy are unappreciated?

For a year or more we have been buying goods from our Dixon merchants at prices that would in many instances be ruinous to them if such conditions were permanent. When prices went up every good merchant had stocks on hand that steadily increased in value, and he made money on the stock, if he marked his goods up with the market, which every good merchant was entitled to do and should have done. Many merchants hesitated to accept the phenomenal new prices that the markets quoted and refrained from advancing prices of their goods to the full extent until they had to replenish their stocks. They realized their mistake later.

Then, not long ago, came the avalanche. A little more than a year ago prices hit the toboggan and have been coming down ever since until now there are many commodities back to pre-war level and probably all of them are purchasable from manufacturers at as low a price as this generation will ever see them. The point is that when the bottom fell out of wholesale prices

the retailer had to cut his prices accordingly and he had a store full of goods for which he had paid "peak" prices. If you don't think he paid for all the prosperity he had when the market went up, and then some, you are badly mistaken.

In the days when merchandise sold at a good profit, there were plenty of buyers. But coincident with the time for the taking of losses came a dearth of buyers and lean times. And, by the way, the local merchant has been a big factor in the carrying of the nation through the lean times, for the credit extended by the merchant to the community has been an accommodation the value of which is hard to overestimate.

Retail merchandising is as necessary to the continuance of prosperity, and industry and general welfare as any of the other great lines of work that go to make civilization progressive. With the exception of farming, it has probably suffered more than most any other line of business during the past year and the nation would be damaged should anything occur to seriously cripple retail merchandising. There is a question as to how much strain any line of business can stand.

Whether the movement against retailers is propaganda and a round about way of beating down wages in the trades, one cannot say just now. The ambition of the Attorney General to make living costs easier is laudable, and if the fault did lie with the retail merchant it should be there corrected, but we very much fear that the solution is not there and that the Attorney General is on the wrong track.

It seems to the writer that the most important undertaking right now is to arrange it so that the farmer, who represents more than half of the buying power of the nation, can have his income increased about fifty or a hundred per cent, rather than to try to shave the retailer down a fraction of one per cent. If the American farmer could sell his corn for 50 or 60 cents a bushel and get a corresponding increase on the other products of the soil, he could pay his debts and commence buying the goods that he needs and the retail merchant could buy more goods and the mills and factories could put a few million men to work and they in turn would buy more goods, both of the farmer and the manufacturer, and we would be doing business as usual, thank you, and very happy. President Harding's signing of the bill to spend \$20,000,000 for foodstuffs in America for Far East relief is a good start in that direction, though a small one compared to what is needed.

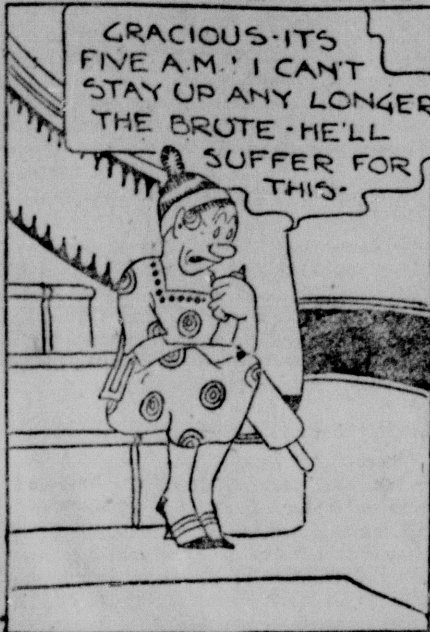
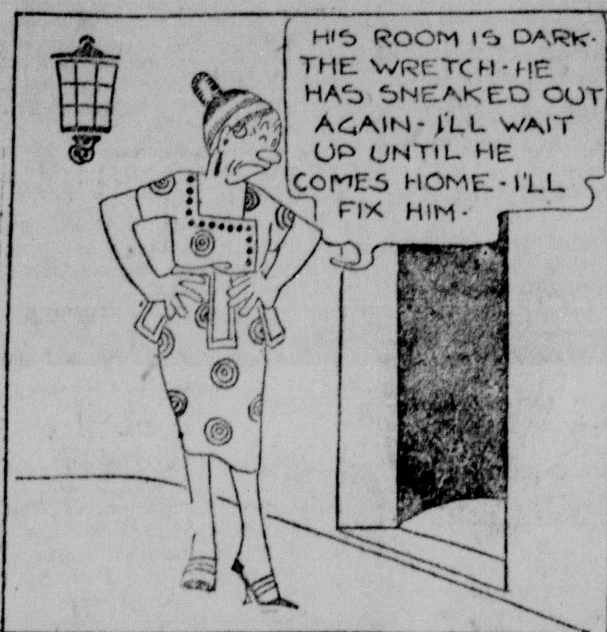
Perhaps Mr. Daugherty's charges are aimed at the big city stores, where prices are higher, necessarily so, we suppose. But the merchant in the country and in the small city such as ours, seems to be doing his full share toward bringing living costs down.

HARDING

President Harding writes all his messages and speeches with a pencil. He got the habit during 30 years of newspaper work and says, "I find that a pencil keeps pace with my thoughts."

Much is said in favor of quick decision, but usually slow and deliberative thought is sounder and more lasting. It took Gray a lifetime to

BRINGING UP FATHER



THE GIFT OF GIVING

BY DR. WM. E. BARTON.

In another day Christmas will be here. For weeks we have been reminded just how many days remained for shopping before the arrival of the anniversary. And now there are no more days remaining. This is the night before Christmas. It is a good time for a little quiet meditation. What is it all about? And why so much trouble about it?

You have seen people hurrying home with packages, belated Christmas purchases. You have seen packages of your own hidden away. And you have something amounting to more than a suspicion that somebody has something for you.

The remarkable thing about all these packages is that they were not bought for the buyers. If the monthly purchases of December could be analyzed, they would show this notable feature as compared with those of the other 11 months—very few of them in comparison are made for the purchaser himself. For about a month, everybody has been doing things for other people.

Some of them have done it grudgingly and without much love of what they were doing and they will grumble on Jan. 1 when the bills come in, but even those people have had a month, more or less of thinking of others, and planning for them, and giving to them.

The conspiracies of December have been conspiracies of love. The whisperings and hidings have been prompted by self-forgetfulness. There has been a kind of epidemic of altruism and not all of it has been artificial. Business has been improved, and the tone of the community has

produce his "Elegy." On important matters, take your time. A hundred years from now, it won't make any difference. Business was wrecked by fast thinking and snap judgment.

GAMBLERS

A membership on the New York stock exchange sold the other day for \$95,000. The price had advanced \$10,000 in less than three weeks.

Brokers evidently think the picking is going to be good.

The new price is within \$20,000 of the highest ever—\$115,000 in 1920.

After every panic in the past, the surest sign of approaching boom-times was an advancing price for concessions in the national gambling house.

Have you plenty of candy and the doctor's phone number handy?

Tell Dillie what's in sister's doll before he looks.



WILLIAM E. BARTON.

thinking about others than themselves.

And all this links itself somehow with the Babe in the manger and the fact that men believe that in Him they recognize God's self-denying love for his children. Every man who is reminded tomorrow how much he loves his children, every man who is reminded how many people care for him, owes something to an event that occurred about 1900 years ago, and which renews its memory once a year at Christmas time.

been helped because people were



So this is Christmas!

Some say "It comes once every year—thank God."

Others say "It comes once every year—thank God."

"Some" can't see the pleasure for the expense.

"Others" can't see the expense for the pleasure.

"Weary Christmas and Nappy New Year," murmur the tired shopgirls.

"Pleary Christmas and Snappy New Year," smile favorite bootleggers.

In our homes are presents whose absence we expected.

They come from friends we thought close instead of close friends.

If they live close enough send them one of these messages:

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CONFESSIONS OF A MOVIE STAR

Chapter LVII—THE RED DRESS AFFAIR KEEPS ME AWAKE

Rose contributed the last chapter in the story of the red dress.

Of course, nobody could guess what Mrs. McMasters had said to Matthew said Rose, but it became evident that Rose's Bruce's prosperity was ended. Henry had told Rose that the dancing girl had departed suddenly for South America.

"It's always so—when it comes to a choice, a man like him will throw down any romance at his wife's bidding," was Rose's comment.

"I'm sorry you heard the gossip, dear," said Mrs. Nandy after we had straightened out our narrow gobs.

"Now I'm in for a perfectly good scolding from your Mother dear. I deserve it. But since you know so much, you may as well have the rest. McMasters probably will hang around this camp all week. He'll want to keep away from his wife for a while."

"What an advertisement of matrimony—in one of the richest homes of the land!" I commented.

"Shocking scandal!" With which remark, Mrs. Nandy dropped to sleep.

I was awake for an hour. The many hints I had heard about McMasters were interpreted by the affair of the red dress.

It was so unrelated to me that it ought not to have kept me awake. But it did because it explained Dick's attitude toward me. Doubtless Dick had convinced himself that I was like some other women whom McMasters had started.

I was neither grieved nor hurt

when this truth broke upon me. I was defiant. I defied Dick—McMasters—Clissy.

And I would evade McMasters from the minute he joined the camp. That would not be easy because I was the star. I kept forgetting that fact. I was constantly surprised to receive attention and consideration from the others.

To myself I seemed just a little school girl who had been assigned a lot of work by a high school professor named Demaison. I couldn't imagine that a was one of the conspicuous persons of my time and the highest paid person in McMasters' company, that only the producer and Clissy, with his new inheritance, had to pay a larger income tax than I.

"That night I was only May Scott, a very homesick little girl, who felt the world about her getting rather wobbly, a child who wanted to see her Mother dear very much I noted!"

The big cats finally took my mind off from the gossip about McMasters, and vain imaginings about Dick Barnes, as well as from my home sick longing for Mother dear.

The leopards were restless. I heard Mademoiselle talking to them, trying to quiet them. I joined her and helped her cover up their cage. The smell of the earth and the trees had got into their blood, she said.

I returned to my cot feeling that the same influences were upsetting my nerves, hoping that I would go to sleep at once, and knowing very well that I would not.

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BY DR. R. H. BISHOP

BLOOD PRESSURE

Common Sense Ways to Keep Well

Blood pressure is something few people understand. Many know that a high blood pressure often means Bright's disease or hardening of the arteries, but few know that a low blood pressure is often an indication of some serious ailments, too.

The blood pressure of a baby under one year is about 70. It rises a few points each year and reaches 100 at about 10 years.

There are some who have a low blood pressure as a normal condition. It got lost. Merry Christmas.

"Dear Grace, Ma strained soup in your stockings. Merry Christmas."

"Dear Bill, the tie for you got noisy. My family burned it."

And some friends have the gift of giving useless gifts.

But silk handkerchiefs are fine if you don't catch cold.

And net stockings can be hung for lace curtains.

While the loud ties can furnish dance music.

And Christmas cigars are excellent for killing moths.

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ADVENTURES OF THE TWINS

by Olive Roberts Burton

NANCY'S NEEDLE



Santa Claus is much too busy to stoop and pick the things up again.

Yes, Santa had given Nancy a needle, a magic one of course, to darn up all the holes in the stockings that were to hang up on the mantel-pieces.

Because you know, sometimes with plum puddings to bake and the house to tidy up and so much to do 'till just before Christmas, mothers have to let the weekly darning wait and at the last minute often there isn't a decent stocking in the house.

It would never, never, never do, to have Santa slide down a chimney (that the sweep had made all nice and clean) and stuff goodies such as popcorn and candy, into the stockings and then find that the whole business was dropped, dropping out on the floor.

Santa Claus is much too busy (and much too fat) to stoop and pick the things up again. It wouldn't do at all.

Nick went with Nancy but not to help her darn; he had a special mission of his own. He had to go down

caping into the brain is never large, and in consequence the blood pressure does not drop.

We have had inquiries as to how the asthma of heart disease and Bright's can be distinguished from hay fever. Among other differences is the difference in blood pressure. In heart and kidney asthma the blood pressure is about right for the age of the sufferer. In profuse anemia the blood pressure is low. A moderate dose of toxins will cause a lowering of tension.

Any condition which dilates the blood vessels in the abdomen and thus depletes those in the arms and legs will lower blood pressure. Fought says:

"In general it may be said that lowered blood pressure is of little significance except after hemorrhage or during surgical shock."

To keep your wife away from the office hire an ugly stenographer.

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BAN KITCHENER FILM.
LONDON.—The London County Council has refused permission to exhibit the film, "The Betrayal of Lord Kitchener." Councilors consider it "an undesirable film."

WAK'S OVER FOR POET.
LONDON.—Rudyard Kipling has announced he will write nothing more about the war. The only exception he said, may be the history of the Irish Guards.

MORE WED—LESS BORN.
PARIS.—Since 1913, the marriage rate in France has increased from 150 to 235 to every 10,000 inhabitants. But the birth rate has fallen from 183 to 165 in 10,000.

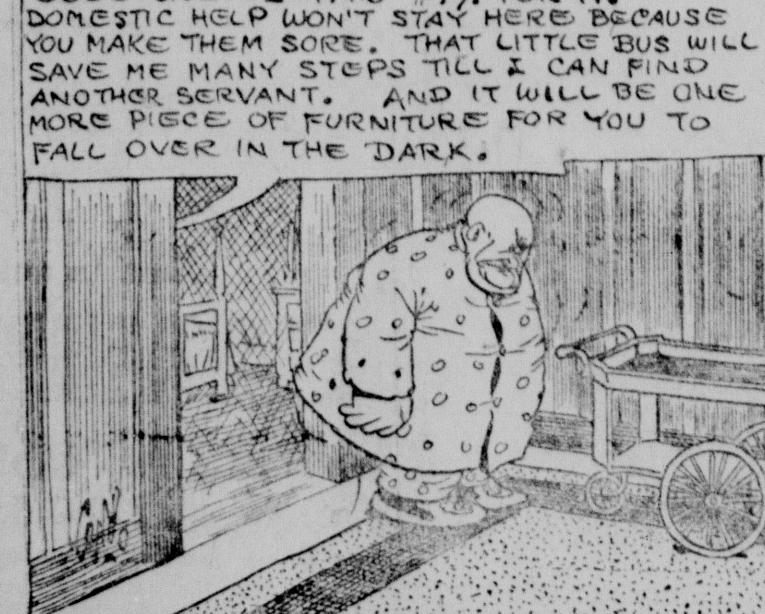
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THE GREAT AMERICAN HOME

EVERETT TRUE



OH, IT'S SENSIBLE, ALL RIGHT, AND IT'S A GOOD ONE—I PAID \$79 FOR IT. DOMESTIC HELP WON'T STAY HERE BECAUSE YOU MAKE THEM SORE. THAT LITTLE BUS WILL SAVE ME MANY STEPS TILL I CAN FIND ANOTHER SERVANT. AND IT WILL BE ONE MORE PIECE OF FURNITURE FOR YOU TO FALL OVER IN THE DARK.



By CONDO



Christmas again! And our spirits grow merrier.

Down drops each selfish, conventional barrier.

Hearts beat more lightly and footsteps grow airier.

This is the glorious period, when All 'round the planet, whatever the latitude, Mortals are glowing with love and gratitude.

Life for the moment is full of beauty, Christmas again!

This is the happy and this is the jolly day, This is the dearest and tenderest folly, This is the magical, mistletoe-holly day.

Which we have with us but once in the year.

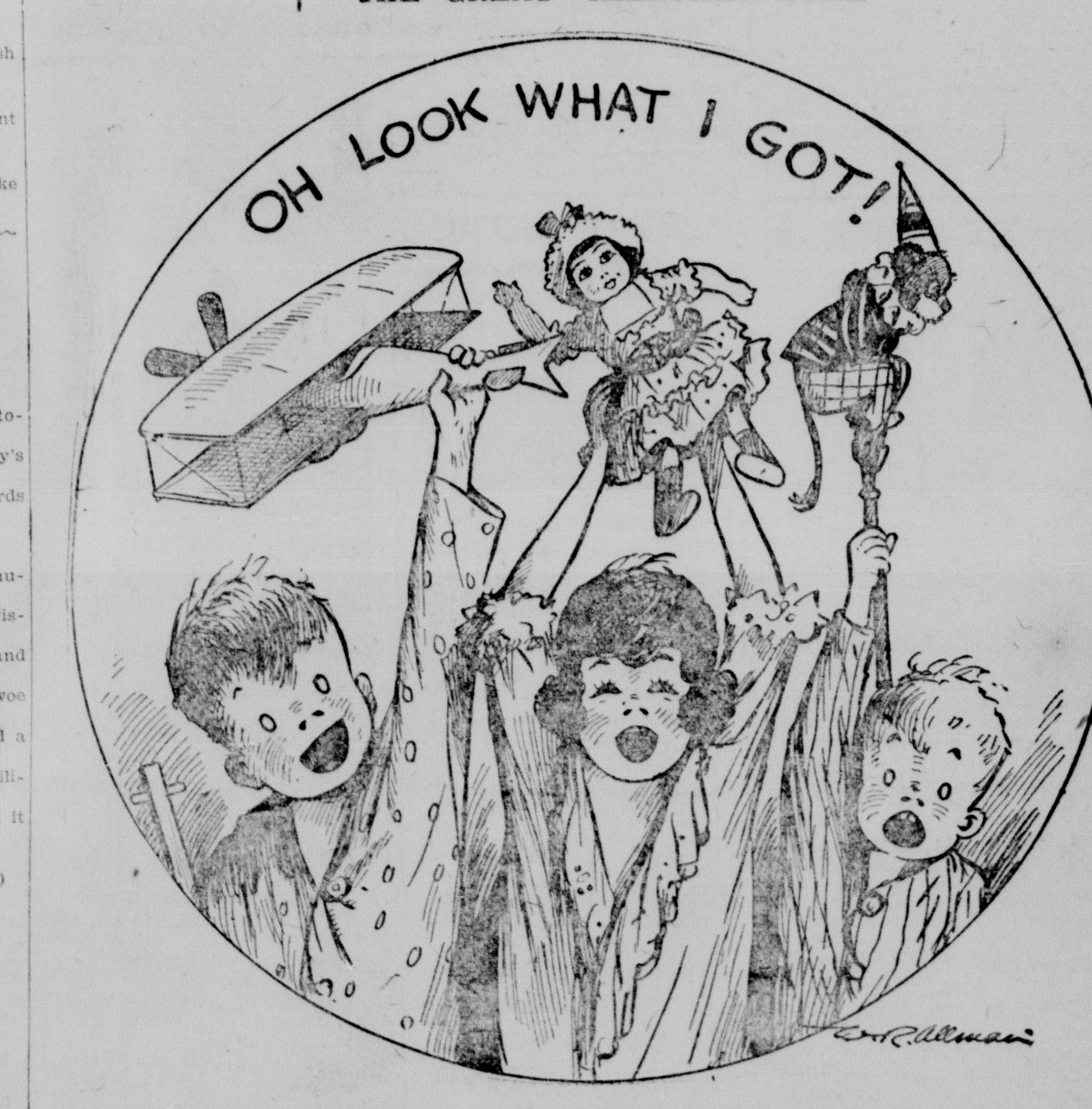
Come on, we're good little pals all together now, Time to cast loose from your dignity's tether now, Old folks or young folks, we're birds of a feather now—Christmas is here!

Isn't it good to be friends with humanity, Practicing something like true Christianity? Must we go back to the greed and the vanity, Which have made sorrow and woe among men? Christmastime spirit—how splendid a thrill it is! Let us preserve it, with all our ability, Hold to it, practice it, live it, until it is Christmas again! (Copyright, 1921, N. E. A. Service.)

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CANTATA GIVEN AT
FRANKLIN WAS FINE
SERVICE OF PRAISE

Presbyterian Church is
Scene of Exceptional
Service.

Franklin Grove.—Mrs. Chris Anderson and daughter, Miss Carrie, Dixon visitors Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Group entertained with Sunday dinner: Mr. and Mrs. J. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Klein, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Group and family. The occasion was the birthday of Frank Group.

Mrs. Earl Fish returned Wednesday evening from a visit with relatives in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Win Wasson visited their parents in Amboy, Thursday.

Mrs. Viola Hewitt after a visit of several months at the home of Miss A. T. Miller left Wednesday for Clinton, Iowa.

Miss Edna Wolf and brother Harry who are attending college at Mt. Morris will spend the holidays at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emery Wolf.

Miss Lola Buck, teacher in the Shabbona school, is home for the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Buck.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hausen entertained with 500 Wednesday evening for Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Martin. Seven tables were used. Mrs. Clinton Mossholder received first prize and Harold Kelly the consolation prize. Lovely refreshments were served, after which a basket was passed in which was a present for each one. Merriment was caused by some of the gifts. A hearty good time was enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Martin of Bismarck, N. D., are visiting at the homes of their mothers, Mrs. Jennie Reigle and Mrs. Agnes Sunday.

Mrs. Hannah Conlon and Mrs. James Conlon were guests at the Mrs. Mary Murray home in Dixon Friday and Saturday.

F. H. Hausen went to Mt. Vernon, Iowa, Thursday and accompanied his daughter, Miss Winnifred, home in her Ford sedan. Miss Winnifred is attending college at Mt. Vernon and had her car with her at that place.

Miss Clara Durkes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Durkes, is home from Cornell college at Mt. Vernon for the holiday vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Stewart spent Thursday in Dixon the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Leager.

Miss Catherine Schaffer entertained at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Schaffer, ten of her friends. The evening was spent in playing games and enjoying the lovely refreshments. After which the exchanging of small Christmas packages furnished much enjoyment.

Miss Bertha Reigle who is teaching in Forrester is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Reigle.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Blank were again called to Freeport by the illness of Mrs. Blank's sister, Mrs. Fielding. They went Thursday afternoon.

Fane Reed is visiting at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Emma Evans at State Center, Iowa.

Misses Mary and Lottie Brown will spend Christmas at the home of their nephew, Carl Blair, at Wheaton.

Misses Mae Howard and Nona Buck were Dixon visitors Monday.

The Brethren Sunday school will have their Christmas exercises Sunday morning. The public are most cordially invited.

John Howard and daughter, Miss Mae, entertained with dinner Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Howard and daughter, Dorothy Anna and Mrs. Lizzie Eisenberg of Ashton, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hahn and son, John.

Enoch Self of Dixon was here Sunday to attend the Christmas cantata at the Presbyterian church. His daughter, Mrs. Hazel Emmert of Ashton had the leading part.

Wilburn Mong who is attending college at Mt. Vernon, Iowa, is visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Mong.

Miss Esther Mong who is attending college at Galesburg is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mong.

At a recent election the following were chosen officers for the Library Association:

President—Mrs. S. A. Durkes.

Vice President—Mrs. Clarence Lahman.

Secretary—Mrs. A. J. Stewart.

Treasurer—Mrs. F. H. Hausen.

Librarian—Miss Clara Lahman.

Board committee—Mrs. W. Smith, Mrs. Will Spratt and Mrs. Medrick Hussey.

Finance committee—Mrs. Minnie Brown, Mrs. Bert Morgan and Mrs. S. W. Reigle.

Book committee—Mrs. Hannah Conlon, Mrs. W. L. Moore and Miss Flora Wicker.

Mrs. A. W. Crawford left Wednesday for Glendale, Calif., where she will spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. Clinton Booth.

The remains of F. L. Howard were sent here Tuesday for burial from Kankakee. Mr. Howard was the husband of Jennie Howard Rosecrans who was buried here about five years ago.

The Christmas cantata given in the Presbyterian church Sunday evening under the direction of Mrs. John Charters of Ashton was a wonderful success. The two choirs from the Ashton and Franklin churches rendered the cantata, "The Light of the World."

The first number was by the choir, "Thy Light is Come."

Second number: "Shine, Splendor Divine," soprano and alto duet, by Mesdames Emmert and Richardson, of Ashton.

Third: "The Light Everlasting," by the choir, with Charles Arnold, taking the bass solo and Mrs. Coe and Mrs. Ernest Miller taking the duet.

Fourth: "The Name of Jesus"

ABE MARTIN



There's so much other stuff I read these days that we've decided to drop Borah. Labe Bud just happened to look down an' found a quarter this mornin' just as a young lady wuz goin' in 't step on it.

Mrs. Emmert taking the solo part with the choir.

Fifth: "Sing, O Heavens," choir with tenor and bass duet, Rev. McPherson and Mr. Conrad.

Sixth: Soprano solo, and choir, Mrs. Coe taking the soprano.

Seventh: "Glory to God in the Highest," by the choir.

Eighth: "Now When Jesus Was Born," bass solo, Rev. McPherson.

Ninth: "Wonderful Baby Jesus," contralto solo and choir, Mrs. Charters taking the solo.

Tenth: "Seek ye the Lord," choir.

Eleventh: "The Light of the World," full chorus.

Each part was well rendered and showed much hard work. Miss Bernice Dordorff played the pipe organ.

There will be no services in the Methodist church Sunday evening, on account of Christmas.

Miss Francis Dysart entertained Friday night about twenty of her friends at the home of her parents,

WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME

Being a Number of Essays Written By Pupils of
Dixon Schools on That Subject.

Christmas is the celebration of the Savior's birth and on this day I think we should be more considerate of those who will have no Christmas and think less of ourselves.

It seems that on this day there are people who are just thoughtless, they never think of others who may not have a Christmas, but they are always wondering what they will receive and what they should get for their intimate friends. I don't think that is the way that Jesus likes to have his birthday celebrated.

I feel that when Christmas comes, we should find more joy in helping those who really need it, because at this time of the year there are many home right in our own town and maybe in our own neighborhood, where there will be no Christmas and it is up to the more fortunate ones; those who have plenty at Christmas time, to share their Christmas with these people and thus bring joy to their hearts and homes, and in so doing they will not only bring joy to the receiver of their gift and to themselves, but to their Savior, whose birthday they have celebrated.

VELMA FOSTER.
E. C. Smith School, Grade 8.

Christmas means the greatest day in all the world to me.

It gives me pleasure and great joy to know that Jesus Christ was born

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Dysart. The young people report a jolly good time with lovely refreshments.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Leager, Kenosha, Wis., died December 14, one day after birth. The young father and mother have the sympathy of their many friends this place.

The Nottleson Bros., living north of town left Thursday for California where they will spend the winter. They will spend most of the time at Los Angeles, but will visit other places of interest before their return.

Carl Spangler, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Spangler, who is attending college at Mt. Vernon, Iowa, is home for the holiday vacation.

and brought "Peace on earth, good will to men."

I love to give beautiful gifts to my relatives and friends in honor of Christ's birthday.

I am also glad that I know about Jesus Christ and that he healed the sick and had power to make the dead come to life again.

I am glad I am a believer in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

I am also glad I can be able to help some poor people to have a Merry Christmas by giving them some bit of food.

ESTELLA HOLLY.
E. C. Smith School, 8th Grade.

Christmas, in some people's minds, is just a day to give and receive presents, have good thing to eat and have a good time themselves without thinking of other people. In fact that is all it meant to me until a very few years ago.

Then a few days before Christmas I was thinking about what it really meant. It then came to me that it originally was set apart for worship and to try to things Christ would like. I like to give and receive presents



and I think there's nothing wrong in that but we should not only think about ourselves but try to help people who won't have such a happy Christmas.

EARL LARKIN.
E. C. Smith School, 8th Grade.

Christmas is to me the most beautiful and glorious time of the year. It is also sad if we just stop and think that so many little children and people are poor and helpless.

Just think how many little children

hang up their stocking on Christmas Eve, but only to get up in the morning to find them empty.

Perhaps Christmas is to you just giving and receiving of gifts to some of your friends, but if you only give

a gift to some needy little child or person no matter how little it is, you have fulfilled the spirit of the season. If only say a "Merry Christmas" or some word of cheer as you pass your neighbor, you are doing a kind deed which some day will come back to you. LAYON EBBELE.
E. C. Smith School, Grade VIII.

"Christmas Cheer"
May Not Be Result

Hannibal, Mo., Dec. 23.—Local police today are on the alert for early "Christmas cheer" in seeking the thief, who last night stole a total of more than one hundred liquor prescription blanks from three Hannibal physicians. Druggists have been notified to turn in anyone presenting one of these prescriptions for whiskey.

The most acceptable Christmas gift, money by Western Union, payments made Christmas morning. Call Western Union Telegraph Company office for uniformed messengers to deliver your Christmas packages.

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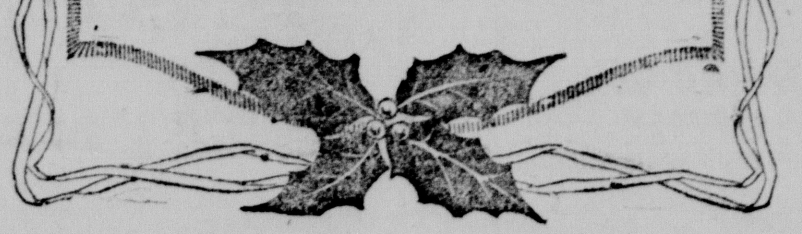
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Allow us to extend to you
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NOT because it is an honored custom but because of the sincerity of our APPRECIATION we take this opportunity to thank you for the part you have played in our business prosperity the past twelve months, and we wish you a good old MERRIE CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY, PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

The
Family Theatre



DIXON HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

The students and faculty of Dixon High wish the citizens, visitors and school friends of Dixon a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

In order to make this column a larger, more interesting, and more successful one, a corps of reporters has been appointed to carry on the work. They plan to write articles on various subjects of interest to be published weekly. The staff appointed is as follows:

Editor: E. Calkins.....Correspondent
Lucille Hayden.....Senior Reporter
Jail Fine.....Senior Reporter
Blanche Birdsong.....Junior Reporter
Eugene Vest.....Sophomore Reporter

Many High School "Kiddies" are participating in the fun to be had on Dixon's "Great White Way" these moonlight nights. In other words, they are helping to keep the snow smooth on Peoria Avenue hill—so long noted for being the best in the country.

Many graduates of Dixon High School who are home from college for the holidays are "dripping in" day by day to get another glimpse of the "old joint" while the opportunity lasts. Lucille Conley was the first to appear; she was a guest at the Junior-Senior Literary society supper Tuesday evening. She remarked that "Forrest Suter is growing fatter and 'Artie' Newcomer is getting better looking." Then came Lawrence Dale and the big smile and glad hand he always carries with him. Thursday noon Mr. Potter walked into the Assembly room with a broad smile on his face, which signified that something was destined to happen. He was followed by Lawrence, who took a front seat. Presently Mr. Potter told his secret and "Larry" gave an interesting account of his experiences at Illinois University. Many, especially Lucille Trautman, were glad to see Clinton ("Pete") Ives back. Other visitors are Harvey Currens, Ray Currens, Edward Mahan, Alice Richardson, Evelyn Street and Evelyn Dana. We are always glad to welcome our old friends to Dixon High.

The High School Assembly room was filled to capacity Wednesday night with those who enjoyed the Christmas program given under the direction of Miss Mason. Although the entertainment was mostly grade work, we feel that we must give a brief mention of it here considering the fact that we were once grade children ourselves—even the teachers.

Several high school students assisted in preparing the stage, lights and Christmas tree which made a pleasing background for the program. The mixed chorus and male quartet, picked from the high school glee clubs on

both sides of the river, made decided hits. Mention must be made of the vocal parts taken in the chorus numbers by Miss Lois Lord and Garland Waggoner, which demonstrated the fine quality of their voices.

To the director, Miss Mason, must be given much credit for the splendid program, and also to Miss May for her work as an accompanist.

Many high school girls are joining the Y. M. C. A. at various times for the many benefits to be derived therefrom. It is predicted that in the near future the large brick building on the corner will be as noisy on Mondays and Fridays as any of the other days when once all of the young ladies begin to feel more at home. Yours for more fun girls.

The high school gym floor has been given a fresh coat of paint and varnish, putting it in readiness for the coming basketball season which opens immediately after the holiday season.

About thirty-five members of the Joyce Kilmer Literary society met in the Domestic Science laboratory on Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock for a scrambled supper. Claude Currens, who acted as toastmaster, made the evening a jolly one, while splendid toasts were given by Mildred Conley and Harry Kerz. A talk on the work of the society was given by the president, Alzina Ayres. The evening was then turned over to "Pete" O'Malley, who as Santa in his civilian clothes, presented all with Christmas gifts. These were supplied by the members. After this all marched to the kitchen where, under the direction of the White sisters, Forrest Suter washed the dishes and the rest wiped them. Everyone departed at 8

o'clock after two very enjoyable hours of talking, laughing and eating.

The Cinean Literary society composed of Freshmen and Sophomores gave their Christmas program at the South Side High School at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon. They invited the Freshmen and Sophomores who are now members of the society as their guests.

The president, Carol Waggoner, called the meeting to order and a short business meeting was held. This was followed by a very interesting program. The first number, the paper, "The Oracle" by Dorothy Rozard, was very cleverly written. An original dialogue by Louise Murphy and Catherine Prindaville followed. It represented two sisters planning a party and seemed quite real. Freda Wieman then told the story of "The Other Wise Man" who, though he did not get to the Babe of Bethlehem, was rewarded for his good works by seeing the King thirty-three years later. The story was exceptionally well told. Everyone enjoyed the piano solo, "Valse Parisienne" by Eugene Vest and the humorous recitation by Leroy Keenan, "The Legend of St. Nicholas" was read by Orla Jones and "Humoresque" was played in duet form by Miss May and Miriam Slothower. These numbers were all very well given.

The last number was a Christmas play, "Bob Cratchit's Christmas Dinner." The cast was as follows:
Bob Cratchit.....Deming Hintz
Mrs. Cratchit.....Sara Bink
Pellinda.....Martha Stanley
Martha.....Edith Ayres
Peter.....Paul Fry
Tiny Tim.....Harold Poffenberger
The Twins.....Leroy Keenan, Joe Lett
The play was very well presented but it made those in the audience

quite hungry to see the actors eating roast duck, mashed potatoes and pudding. It is hinted that there was a feast afterwards.

Decision on Small Case During Week

Waukegan, Ill., Dec. 23.—Judge Claude E. Edwards today announced he would not hand down his decision on the motion to quash the indictments against Governor Len Small and Vernon Curtis of Grant Park, Ill. before Wednesday or Thursday of next week.

Tom Watson wanted to slap an army major's face for two cents. Some private missed something by being broke.

HERE'S CHRISTMAS SPIRIT
Freeport, Ill., Dec. 23.—A repentant robber who returned to apologize after being put to flight with a revolver, today has \$5 to spend for Christmas.

Frank Harris, a tailor, and old time baseball player was in his shop when the robber entered and attacked him. Harris secured his revolver and chased the handit away. Half an hour later the man reappeared, begged forgiveness and said he planned the robbery because he was broke. Harris gave him a \$5 bill.

"It's Christmas time, you know, and I simply could not have him arrested," Harris explained today.

Ocean bed can be tested and graded to a depth of seven miles, by means of a small appliance.

Rock Island Man is Held to Grand Jury

Quincy, Ill., Dec. 23.—Richard J. Sinn, of Rock Island, Ill., was bound over to the action of the grand jury today, charged with obtaining money under false pretences. A memorandum among his effects, which he admitted to be true, showed that he had issued bad checks or committed forgery in Iowa City, Davenport, Iowa, and Rock Island, Ill., Geneseo, Peoria, and Chicago. Sinn opened an account in a local bank, depositing \$20, against which he immediately issued checks for \$167, with others still to hear from.

Average rainfall in Great Britain ranges from 20 to 40 inches a year.

Scientists say there is a perfect vacuum 200 miles above sea level. Love is blind. Help the blind.

London aquarium has two fish from the Amazon, which are valued at \$100.

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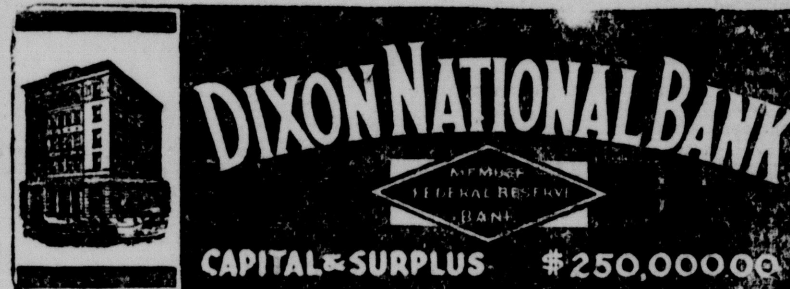
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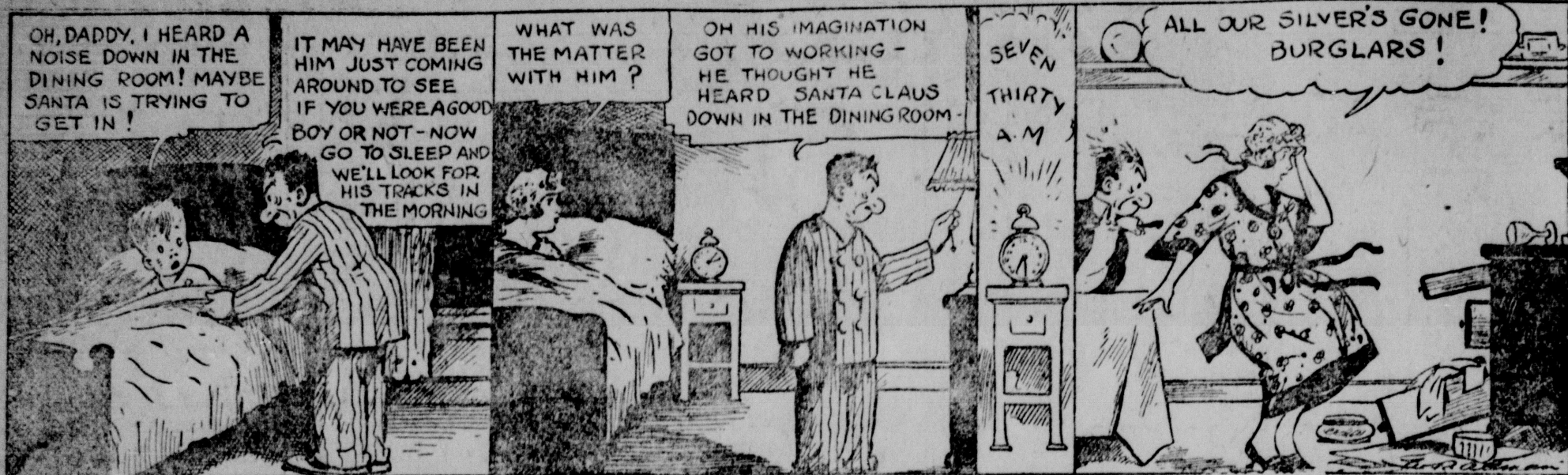
DOINGS OF THE DUFFS

Danny Heard Something

BY ALLMAN

OUR BOARDING HOUSE

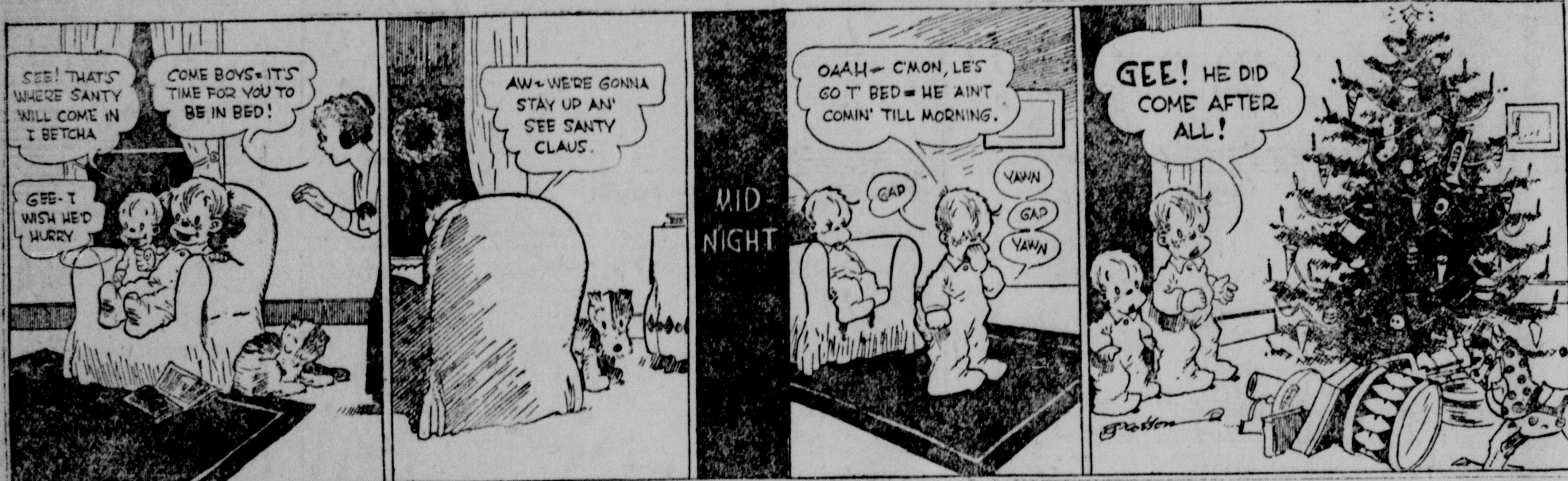
BY GROVE



FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

Merry Christmas, Boys

BY BLOSSER



SALESMAN SAM

The Boss Has a Good Heart

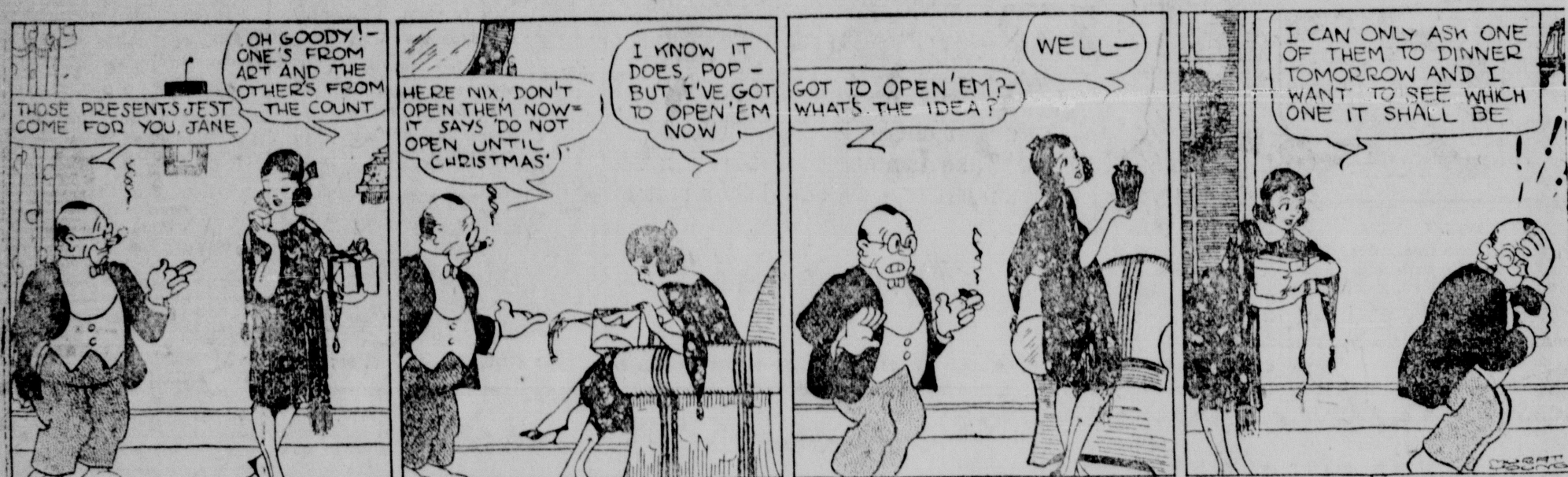
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BY YOUNG



THE NUT BROTHERS

(Ches & Wal)



Christmas to the limbo of forgotten things also ordered that every child receive appropriate gifts. Only they are to be told the gifts are sent down from "above" to be delivered by the fathers and mothers.

Parents too poor to buy toys were instructed to notify Voliva's headquarters and their needs would be supplied.

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Santa Claus Taboo
By Voliva's Decree

Dear Santa: I want a pencil tablet and some nuts and candy. I am a very good girl. I am only seven years old. Please bring me a doll, too. Do not forget it Santa. From
Mable Prindaville.
Dixon, Ill., F. D. No. 1.

Dear Santa: Please bring for little brother a bicycle—Henry. I want a doll and a doll buggy—Lillie. And the same for sister, Virginia and some candy and nuts.
Mr. and Mrs. Kasper.
120 Ashland Ave., 5th St.

WE HAVE CHRISTMAS CARDS IN STOCK. CALL AND SEE THEM. B. F. SHAW PRINTING COMPANY.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Children of Zion, Ill., home of Wilbur Glenn Voliva's Catholic Apostolic church, will sleep peacefully tonight with no thought of lying awake in hope of hearing rain-deers on the roof or Santa Claus coming down the chimney.

Voliva has issued a decree abolishing Santa Claus. "The Kris Kingle myth has gone the way—in Zion—of the round world and the law of gravitation. Voliva says they don't exist.

Zion children, however, will not lack Christmas toys. The same decree which consigned the patron saint of

LETTERS to SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus: I have been a very good boy and I would like to have you bring me a train, a circus cart with animals, a toy auto, a nice Christmas book and some candy and nuts. Do not forget my brother, Roy. Good-bye. From
Edward Valentine Burckhardt.

Dear Santa Claus: I have been a good girl and I think you would like to bring me a toy sewing machine, a story book, a story doll with long, brown curls, some nuts and candy and oranges and a Christmas tree. Well, good-bye, from loving friend,
Katherine Burckhardt.
Aged, 10.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy 9 years old. I want to please bring me a pair of rubber boots and a cork gun, and candy and nuts and a tinker toy, and a football, and oranges, books and games.
Kenneth Abbott.
Chicago Road.

Dear Santa: I am a little boy 16 months old today. I do wish you would bring me a horn and a teddy bear and some nuts and candy. That's all.
Edward Warren Croft.
1392 West Second St.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 5 years old. I want to tell you what to bring me for Christmas. Please bring me some paper dolls with crepe dresses and a doll buggy. I also want a pair of brown gaudies and some little pans to cook in. Please bring lots of nuts and Christmas candy. From your little friend,
Virginia Mae Van Bibber.
My address is 501 Upham Place, Dixon, Ill.
P. S.—I want a pink celluloid wrist watch.
V. M. V. B.

Dear Santa: I would like for Christmas a new dress and some story books, a box of paints and a rain cape, and a pair of shoes and some games. And that will be all for this time.
Imogene McCrystal.

Dear Santa: I am a very good little boy and I would like for Christmas, a pair of shoes, a train, and a monkey, and a new blue suit, and a game, and that will be all for this time.
Eugene McCrystal.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a very good boy eight years old and I go to school every day. For Christmas I want you to bring me a sled, some candy, nuts and a ball, and everything nice. Bring me some things that you think are good.
Joseph Prindaville.
R. F. D. No. 1, Dixon, Ill.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a very good girl and I go to school every day. For Christmas I want a box of paints and some building blocks and some oranges and some apples, too, and a big train, bigger than last year, and don't forget my little sister, Lois.
Agnes Prindaville.
R. F. D. No. 1, Dixon, Ill.

She would like some oranges, too, and maybe a dolly and I guess this will be enough. Good-bye, Santa. From
Russell.

BANKRUPT PIANO SALE

Henry S. Dixon, Referee in Bankruptcy, has ordered me to close out the remaining Diehl stock from Milledgeville and Polo. This stock has been in storage since last spring on account of the exceedingly dull business situation, but it must now be disposed of and I have cut the prices away below what these goods cost at wholesale.

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